

The Gossip.
What tragic tears bedim the eye!
What deaths we suffer ere we die!
Our broken friendships we deplore,
And loves of youth that are no more.
—Logan.

It is just a little of a surprise to find that Col. Ralph Plumb, M. C., candidate for Governor, etc., etc., foreclosing a \$4,000 mortgage on his peculiar organ, the Joliet Press. The Colonel endeavored to make it a strict foreclosure, but as both he himself and the proprietors had so often said (and the latter sworn) during the late campaign that the Colonel had no interest directly or indirectly in the concern, the other creditor objected to such procedure, and demanded a receiver. Accordingly, after a week's wrestle, the latter secured the appointment of John Woods, ex-postmaster, on complaint of one of the stockholders on behalf of the Chicago creditors, who extended credit on account of Col. Plumb's backing. Col. Plumb's mortgage was an unrecorded mortgage, a secret lien, which gave the concern a credit it was not justly entitled to. The stock and material will be sold at receiver's sale; and a just division had among the creditors. And so that little episode is confessed. It was often told before only to be denied by the Colonel during his campaign. The mystery is, why does he confess it now? Surely McIntosh earned his money! And where will the lightning strike next?

The county of La Salle will lose no money by the recent showing of defalcation in the county offices. The bondsmen of the officers named in the charges are all financially sound.

It is not, however, though any evidence of business skill or ability on the part of the Board of Supervisors who have repeatedly during the past years settled with these officers.

The facts now make it appear that the regular semi-annual settlements have been mere farces, which mean nothing and can mean nothing—the merest matters of form and purely form.

No one questions the honesty of the committees settling with these officers; and it is only too easy to be wise after the fact. But it seems strange that no one had ever thought of the necessity of at least an approach to expertism in matters of so grave moment; that no one ever seemed to comprehend that aside from the county itself these semi-annual settlements had a meaning for the bondsmen of these men, and that the bondsmen had a right to expect that the semi-annual settlements, such as the law requires, should be in fact final up to their dates. It is, of course, no defense for the bondsmen to offer these semi-annual *pro forma* "and-finding-the-same-to-be-correct, we recommend its adoption;" nevertheless these settlements have excluded by necessity any possible precautions that the bondsmen might have taken to guard against any possible irregularities that should hold them liable on their bonds; giving them sufficient reason to believe that there were no irregularities and that they could rely upon the Book's endorsement of their principals being the truth. It is a gross outrage on the bondsmen that no systematic settlements were had during all the years the alleged irregularities have covered. It is making them now pay for the blunders of others no less than the sins of their principals—sins that could easily have been detected had anything like business management of the simplest sort been employed. This slipshod method of settlements is morily at the bottom of the whole evil—the prime cause—the temptation to the sins that have been committed. The only fruit of such sowing that could be possible has been reaped; and that the great county of La Salle will lose nothing by the transaction grows out of the fact the law happens to protect it against both the dishonesty of its servants and the blunders of its legislators and guardians.

While the scandal business is on, why not tackle city affairs? In the matter of city marshal, for instance, a change in administration could be made to result in a decided improvement. What special qualifications the present incumbent offers the public is a *quid pro quo* for his appointment, we are at a loss to perceive, save that he is a good republican, takes a hand in the fray as a "ward politician" of surpassing brass, though of probably infinitesimal power, and is doing his best to aid the temperance cause by filling his skin so full and so frequently that little liquor would seem to be left on those days for the common herd of drinkers, who must needs drink early in the morning or go dry the balance of the day. Indeed, the drunkenness of the marshal is getting to be a scandal and a disgrace. Yet he has been appointed and re-appointed notwithstanding the fact has been well known; and his republicanism is the only assignable reason why he should have been appointed. So let's have a change of deal, if only to get rid of a republican city marshal who hasn't been able to keep sober on an average one full week in a month.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court.

The arguments in the anarchists' case have been set down for hearing on the 17th of March. There will be six addresses on a side, each attorney being allowed two hours time, in all twenty-four hours of legal eloquence, and doubtless there will be a large audience present. It is understood the prisoners will not be present.

Circuit Court.

The following order was made last week: "The clerk is ordered and directed to place at the head of the common law trial calendar for the next March term of this court, all undisposed of causes on the docket of the present January term, from term No. 1 to

50 inclusive, whether trial notices are filed therein or not. Said causes will be tried or disposed of at said March term in their order on said calendar, unless good cause be shown for continuance or postponement."

County Court.

To report March 28th.
Panel Jurors.—A. H. Robinson, J. E. Wilks, J. Harrison, Bruce, Ira M. Davis, Dayton, Silas Crawford, Eagle, Joseph Funk, Ellen, O. Thompson, Freedom, Andrew Redmond, John Ridger, S. O. Willis, Fall River, John Coffin, Rowland Mullen, Groveland, John Chisholm, Patrick Stuart, George Foley, La Salle, Albert Hubbard, Manlius, H. H. Eby, George Hix, Mendota, John Norton, Meriden, Albert Pierce, Daniel Ingles, Frank D. Whitney, Mission, Henry H. Sweetland, Henry Suffes, Northville, Milton Bayne, Osaage, Martin Crawford, F. S. Miller, Ophir, Daniel Mason, C. F. Dezier, A. Freeman, Frank Gutting, J. P. M. Lindley, Ottawa, Oscar Sheppard, Wm. Jackson, John Robinson, Peru, L. G. Douglas, John Cooper, Rutland, C. H. Hollis, South Ottawa, E. Bernard, Seneca, Robert Condon, Utica, Frank Noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James R. Snedaker and Harriet Wakey. Joel H. Mayne and Lida E. Verner. Jas. B. Murray and Clara Block. Martin L. Johnson and Helen E. Donaldson. Emmet Walburn and Ella Mackey. Wm. Schlecten and Margaretha Mayer. Chris. Johnson and Betsey Larson.

Personal.

Miss H.—Miss Hitchcock, of Peoria, is visiting Miss T. E. Gopen.

Thos.—T. W. D. Crane, Esq., is in Omaha, on business.

BETTER.—W. R. Butters, who was very ill, is improving.

REED.—Supervisor John F. Reed, has bought the handsome residence property of Mr. S. S. Scott, on the east side, and offers for sale his former dwelling, a roomy and comfortable place.

Sid R.—Mr. J. E. Porter is rigging up his excursion steambot, the "Elmer R." in fine shape, and is building a large barge, to be towed along side, for the accommodation of dancers.

CLERK.—E. J. Kelly, the present city clerk, will be a candidate for re-election to the city clerkship. He has made a most acceptable officer. Jake B. Shuler is also in the field.

BETTER.—Treasurer Hoffman had a very close call one night this week, but last evening was much better.

MAR.—Walter N. Dimmick, a former Ottawa boy, now at Portland, Oregon, was married on Thursday evening, at Santa Barbara, Cal., to Miss Fannie Wright.

THOS.—Thos. Sanders, a clerk in E. Y. Griggs' drug store, has gone to Chicago to take a course of lectures in Pharmacy.

IMP.—J. E. Scott & Co. have greatly improved the interior of their extensive store by lowering the desk and putting a window through the wall in the rear, which will materially improve both ventilation and light.

WED.—Mrs. A. Hess and Miss Bertha Oestreich, were in Chicago on Wednesday attending the wedding of a relative.

LOTTIE.—Miss Lottie Eldridge entertained a number of her friends on Monday.

HUNT.—Wm. Hamilton fell from a load of furniture, a few days ago, and dislocated a knee. He was hauling household goods from the Dyer farm, west of the city to the Kendall farm, in South Ottawa.

EMIL.—Mr. Emil Gondolf has gone to Wichita, Kansas.

JOHN.—John Sutton has returned from a three months visit in Iowa.

PUNK.—W. A. Funk, Esq., a Streator lawyer, takes a change of venue from that village to Lakefield, Minn., his future home.

G.—Mr. G. Gehring, now at Wichita, Kas. returned here on a brief visit last Monday. He can't get over his "first love" for Ottawa.

PERRY.—E. A. Perry has returned from a trip to Missouri.

GEO.—George Forbes is home from a business trip to Colorado.

MINNIE.—Miss Minnie Faulstich has returned from a trip to Iowa.

DUM.—Mr. W. H. Dumbek, of Peoria, is here on business.

MRS. S.—Mrs. Sabin, of Minneapolis, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hard.

KATE.—Miss Kate White, the milliner at the Nine Cent Store, is home from a trip to St. Louis.

NO.—Will Leahy is not a candidate for any office.

GAUL.—Jacob Gaul, who has had about as hard a lot as falls to man in the way of sickness, is about again, the ghost of his former self.

MARY.—Miss Mary Sinnott is a new clerk at Lynch's.

BOWER.—Mr. H. A. Bowermaster and family, nine in number, from Ohio, have located in this city.

NICK.—W. G. Nickerson, for sometime in the tailoring business here, now located at Rock Island, has been here this week visiting his many friends.

HARD.—L. G. Hardy, an attaché of the Chicago Tribune, was the guest of W. W. Taylor last Sunday.

KATIE.—Miss Katie Gleim has become a clerk at Lynch's.

BOYLE.—Mrs. B. C. Boyle, accompanied by Master Harry and Miss Carter, returned home last evening, after an absence of six weeks spent in visiting relatives in Little Rock and Hot Springs, Ark.

GRIFFITH.—We commend to our readers an article elsewhere by Mr. A. W. Griffith, on "Country Roads" which is worth attention by our readers south and southwest of the city. We notice by the way, by a clipping from an old newspaper heading that in 1853 Mr. Griffith was manager of the Connorsville Observer, Fayette Co., Pa. To this accounts for the professional flavor that surrounds all of Mr. G.'s "copy" that comes to this office. It is so good we have had a suspicion for some time he had had newspaper training of some sort, and are pleased to find our sur-

From Ophir.

OPHIR, March 10, '87.—The snows of the winter have passed and everyone is enjoying the pleasure of plenty of mud. The roads are impassable and the boys are feeling very lonesome.

Miss Katie Giligan of Waltham, has been the guest of Miss Garland, for the past week.

Mr. Patrick Landers is repairing his home as he is about to withdraw his name from the bachelor list. "That is right Pat."

Mr. Warner Willey and son, have returned from the west to spend the hunting season.

Mr. James Murry, of Iowa, has spent a few weeks among his many friends in Ophir.

Mr. John Hughes has gone to Iowa to purchase one of its finest farms as he intends to cross the matrimonial lines very soon.

Mr. Thomas Corcoran may be seen winding his way through the roads of Ophir. Tom says there is good game in Ophir.

Mr. Edward Cole, one of our Prairie Center merchants, made Chicago a flying visit last week.

Mr. S. Crowley, T. Trainer and M. Hughes, were the guests of the Misses Landers and Jennie Corcoran one evening last week.

Mr. James Garland, was seen crossing the lines. He says his best girl is in Waltham.

Mr. Thomas Landers was seen in Waltham, late last Sunday eve. He did not make his appearance in Ophir until Tuesday eve. Tom says that "Wallace, is the sweetest spot in Illinois."

Miss Maggie, Cruise, is about to go South and keep house for her brother Mike. Why, Mike, that don't look right. You and I.

From Ransom.

Miss Minnie Wright went to Emington Saturday, to attend her brother's funeral.

Miss Weidman of Brookfield, will teach in district No. 3 this spring.

Bob Steven returned from his trip to Canada on Monday, looking well after his sojourn with our brother neighbors.

The members of the Ransom Stock Company, held a meeting to elect directors on Monday, and a stormy one it was. For a time it looked as if some of the disputes would be settled according to "Quebec rules." It seems the directors cannot suit all the stockholders.

The many friends of Miss Dora Lane are pleased to learn that she will soon begin work as a teacher, having been hired to teach in No. 1 this summer.

At 11 o'clock today, in the parlor of her father's residence, Miss Lydia Verner and Harmon Wayne, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were married by Rev. W. H. Simpson.

The young couple left on the 1 o'clock train for the west, where the groom is in business. Known by all her friends as a kind hearted and lovely girl, Miss Lydia's departure will be felt by all, and with her goes the best wishes of many friends.

Rev. Father Crowe called on most of his parishioners this week, prior to his leaving for Chatsworth. During a stay of one and a half years, by his faithful ministrations and genial manner, he made friends of all who knew him regardless of creed, and his stay here will long be remembered.

Mr. Fred Woodward and wife, of Gallo-way, and Miss Verner of Aurora, were in town yesterday to see their relative married.

The sale of the McIntyre property was well attended, and stock brought good prices. The imported stallion Sequin, was purchased by W. H. McIntyre for \$1,650.

While at the sale yesterday, Henry Ruff of Kernan, received a painful kick from a horse.

John Doming visited Verona last week and had several of its citizens write their autographs on his order book for Cram's Atlas.

Vicinity Items.

The Streator Independent and Times have been combined, and will hereafter be edited by Dr. LeRoy.

At Peru, lately, the high water drowned the gas mains on Water street, and for two days and nights kerosene was king.

Joseph McNamara, the chief of the Streator fire department, was presented with a beautiful solid gold medal by a number of the department last week.

All the republican newspapers are publishing, with either mock, sorrow or open glee, that the Peoria Democrat has ceased to exist, yet it comes to everyone every day, as of yore.

The canal superintendent has been clearing out some of the superfluous mud in that "ditch" near Utica. Hope he will get this way soon.

Henry is working hard to get the Santa Fe railroad. There are strong suppositions that it will take the old graded road-bed below Lacon.

Ladies, in the temperance cause, visited McIntee's saloon in Lacon one day last week and tried to persuade him to quit business. The Democrat says he won't be because "he was not built that way."

Mr. Ferris, the authorized organizer of the new Union Labor Party, wants a "straight ticket" of that organization in Joliet at the coming election.

From Troy Grove.

Mud is king; the roads are simply immeasure.

All the one horse liverymen are shutting down for the season.

Messrs. Wand & Kinstetter have baled and sold 13 tons of corn husks. A good winter's job, surely.

Dr. Richey was in our burg last week on professional business. The doctor is getting a huge practice down this way.

John Cruikshank has returned to Iowa. Wood sawing and breaking colts is the pastime of the average granger.

Geo. Day and wife will keep house for Wm. Mitchell this summer.

Christ. Yost has returned from Ford Co. and has begun work for Mr. Meinhard. Meinhard's mill set of rollers and improved machinery put in, making the Troy Grove mills then second to none in the state.

Melvin Miles, of Iowa, is here on a visit. Hugh Jackson, who went to Kansas a few weeks ago, is expected back soon to stay.

Dr. Everett left Tuesday for Lincoln, Neb., his future home.

J. C. Corbus has taken up his residence in Homer, with office at Mr. Gerlach's. Dr. Duncan and another from Earl are expected here this week. The one with the most money will probably freeze the others out.

Henry Zorn likes being on the jury.

Adam Gilmour's school is closed, owing to the scarlet rash being among the children.

Frank Weyand is again a free man, having settled his suit.

One of our pedagogues had all the buttons cut off his coat by the pupils.

Geo. Day, who has been at Plainfield for the past two years, is home on a visit.

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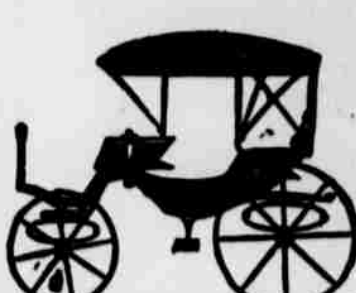
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